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Legislative Council Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Bazaars

**Relationship among bazaars, public markets
and similar facilities in private property**

This paper provides information for the meeting in July 2017 as requested by the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Bazaars (**Annex**).

2. Bazaars are a neutral platform. Terms like “bazaar” do not have exact definition, nor is there any definition under statute in Hong Kong. In general, bazaars also involve buying and selling goods, but their venues are not permanent and their operation is non-recurrent and of short duration. In view of the circumstances, development, culture and planning of different districts, the nature and positioning of bazaars can be very different. Some are festival celebrative events, some for promoting cultural creativity, some for providing opportunities to the grassroots to start their own business, and some for promoting local economy and tourism. Bazaars may take different forms to suit their own themes, such as carnivals, farm fests, arts fairs, etc.

3. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) provides 101 public markets and cooked food markets/centres. Stalls rented out offer a wide choice of commodities, which are mostly fresh produce. Commodities also range from cooked food, clothing to household items. There are also service trade stalls provided in individual public markets.

4. The mode of operation and themes of bazaars organized in private properties vary a lot. Owners and tenants of private properties provide different facilities and services according to demands, including private markets, supermarkets and fresh provision shops.

5. Depending on the scale, content and themes of the bazaars, the venues of bazaars can be different. The commodities sold or services provided may overlap with public markets and facilities in private properties. If the venues of bazaars are in vicinity of public markets and facilities in private properties, mutual competition may also arise.

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- Explore how the Administration, public organizations, local organizations and non-government organizations may coordinate with each other to ensure the implementation of the policy on bazaars